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1. Heavy traffic of driving-school vehicles was observed in the streets of Stendal (M 53/Y 85) between 19 and 30 March 1951.

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2. Trucks were loaded with boxes from a boxcar at the Stendal freight station on 21 March. the boxes were dispatched from Magdeburg

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3. A convoy of 15 trucks, including a kitchen truck, moved along Breite Strasse toward Borstel at 6:45 p.m. on 24 March, with each truck carrying about 25 soldiers and eight trucks towing heavy AT guns.

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The convoy was followed at a short distance by three trucks, each carrying 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulettes and towing a 120-mm mortar. Three other trucks and a field kitchen followed shortly thereafter.

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4. Gate guards at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulettes. On 21 March, about 600 troops organized into platoons of 25 to 30 soldiers received field training at the drill field behind the installation. No heavy weapons were observed. Trucks seen in traffic at the barracks installation on 21 March

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5. The Tauentzien Kaserne was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered red epaulettes. A platoon of four officers and 30 EM wearing black-bordered red epaulettes marched out of the installation at about 7:45 a.m. on 27 March. A march column left the installation at 8:15 a.m. It included a lieutenant colonel, two majors, two captains, eight telephone operators marching in a

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double file, and five units, each of 5 officers and 55 to 60 men marching three abreast. All troops were armed with carbines or submachine guns and carried entrenching tools, gas masks, and steel helmets suspended from their belts. The soldiers who brought up the rear of each unit had four light machine guns and two light mortars. All of the troops wore black-bordered red epaulets. The column was followed at 8:30 a.m. by a group of 3 officers and 30 EM. All the troops returned at about 8 p.m. On the same day from 30 to 40 trucks were being cleaned in front of the garages of the Taunentzien Kaserne. Trucks observed entering the installation

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6. Gate guards at the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne wore tank insignia. Two T-34/85 tanks moved toward the installation on 29 March.

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Trucks observed in traffic at the installation

7. The Soviet headquarters in the restricted area on Hardenbergstrasse, which borders on the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne to the east, was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Comment. The information indicates no changes at the military post of Stendal over a report of 23 March 1951.

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